

United States Department of Agriculture New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and

Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in

the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

This invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside <u>only</u>, see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Agricultural Marketing Service

FV-308

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Washington, DC 20250

Washington, DC Date Issued: May 9, 2006

Dehydrated Potatoes, Announcement FV-308, Invitation 015

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dehydrated potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Needy Family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Tuesday**, **May 23**, **2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 2, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dehydrated Potatoes, Flakes

12/1 lb

55,000 cases

No offer will be made to the 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special markings will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only", if and when they appear on an invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <a href="http://orca.bpn.gov">http://orca.bpn.gov</a>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm</a>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <a href="http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes">http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only on quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-308, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dehydrated Potatoes dated May 2004, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-308, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

## Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk (\*).

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV308 INVITATION : 015

COMM GROUP : 37 VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED
COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, FLAKES, DEHYDRATED
PACK SIZE : 10 12/1 LB PACKAGE

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)					
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/06 - 07/15/06										
001	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	**					
002	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	**					
003	ELIZABETHTOWN MAYFIELD	KY KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,250 1,250						
004	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
005	FAIRFIELD	ОН	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
006	DELHI	LA	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
007	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	5,000						
800	OPELOUSAS	LA		2,500						
009	FARGO	ND	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/06 - 07/31/06										
010	GALLUP	MM	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/06 - 08/15/06										
011	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,500	**					
012	ALBANY	GA	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
013	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
014	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	2,500						
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/06 - 08/31/06										
015	ELIZABETHTOWN LEXINGTON	KY KY		1,250 1,250						

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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/06 - 08/31/06								
016 CH	ICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	2,500				
017 AL	BUQUERQUE	E NM	TRUCK ONLY	2,500				
018 KA	NSAS CITY	Z MO		2,500				
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06								
			TRUCK ONLY		*			
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06								
020 KA	ANSAS CIT	Y MO		2,500				
021 BC CA	DISE ALDWELL	ID ID	TRUCK ONLY	1,250 1,250				
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 55,000								

Felicitas C. Lofton Contracting Officer

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

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55,000

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